

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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**WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE** - Indiana's largest state operated property!

**Patoka Lake Interpretive Services** presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs & special events throughout the year. Take a close up look at amazing animals! Join in woods walks! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. HOURS: Visitor Center open Monday thru Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST

## April 2005 Activities

### Saturday, April 2nd

- 10 a.m. **Pond Wander** ~ Meet at the campgrounds shelter house. We will stroll on down to the Children's Pond to see what calls this area home. **ccs**
- 1p.m. **Who's Been Here?** ~ Join in an outdoor excursion as we look for signs and sights of birds, mammals and more. **vc**

### Sunday, April 3rd

- 10 a.m. **Woods Walk** ~ Wear comfortable walking shoes and join in a stroll through the wonderful world of Spring. We will look for early bloomers as well as animals of all varieties. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Kite Flying** ~ Bring your favorite kite and join the naturalist at the upper parking lot at the beach for some high flying fun! **b**



### Sunday, April 10th

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtailed Hawk** will be in the backyard garden raptor viewing area. Get a close-up view of our resident birds of prey! **vc**
- 10 a.m. **Animal Babies** ~ With slides and more, we'll explore babies of Patoka's outdoors. Some animal babies look like their parents; some animal babies do not. Take a look at some common and not so common wild animal babies! **vc**
- 2 p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Experience Patoka's past with stories from Mr. Fred Dillard's memoirs and a short hike through the "Narrys" or old road from Wickliffe to Birdseye. Who lived here before Patoka Lake was built? Who were the neighbors to the Dillards, Sengs and Brubecks? Come join us, listen and see. **vc**



## Hunter Education

Saturday, April 9th - 10a.m.-4p.m.

Sunday, April 10th - 1p.m.-5p.m.

DNR Patoka Lake will host  
a hunter education class  
at the Visitor Center.

**Pre-registration is required.**

For more information or to register call  
812-685-2447

You must attend both session to complete the course

### BALD EAGLE C52 RAPTOR FUND

A fund has been established with the Natural Resources Foundation so you can help provide for the long term care of Bald Eagle C52 and other permanently injured birds of prey used in interpretive programming at Patoka Lake.



For more information about Patoka's resident raptor, eagles around Indiana and how you can help, check out the web:  
[www.in.gov/dnr/c52](http://www.in.gov/dnr/c52) or call 812/685-2447.

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ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON  
EASTERN STANDARD TIME



# SPRING FESTIVAL

PATOKA LAKE VISITOR CENTER  
Saturday, April 16th

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Games & Activities \* Programs \* Demonstrations  
Wild Animals \* Seed Savers & Plant Exchange**

ANNUAL EVENT FOR ALL AGES!



- 10 a.m. **Not Just for Wildlife** ~ Special guest, Aron Showalter, Patoka Wildlife Specialist, will share techniques of wildlife management at Patoka Reservoir. From tools of the trade to waterfowl studies and habitat improvement, enjoy a look at Patoka's approach to management as well as a look at Patoka's 3 birds of prey!
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Birds of Patoka** ~ Enjoy a close-up look at Bald Eagle C52 & Red-tailed Hawk in their backyard garden viewing area. Walk through the gardens and experience the wild birds of prey.  
**Recycling** ~ with Crawford, Dubois & Orange County Solid Waste & Recycling staff, check out information, crafts, demonstrations and activities dealing with recycling, reusing and reducing of consumer items.  
**Taste of the Wild** ~ Experience a taste of wild game with an overview of Patoka's natural resource, with wildlife crew and chef, Carey Ellis!
- 11 a.m. **Creative Craft** ~ Join in as we make seed packets and add your favorite seeds.
- 12 p.m. **Hairy Head Craft** ~ Kids love to watch things grow. This fun kids activity is sure to put some hair on that head! Please bring knee hi hose. Other craft items will be provided.
- 1 p.m. **Canine on Duty!** ~ With special guests, Law Enforcement Officer Milner and his trusty companion JOURNEY, see up close the performance and duties of a service animal in law enforcement.

**ArtSpace** ~ Enjoy local and regional artists! Exciting displays each month featuring individual interpretations with a variety of styles and mediums.

gourd art \* fabric collage \* clay  
oils on canvas \* watercolor on paper  
stonecarving \* woodcarving \* glass

Come and enjoy  
the wonderful artwork of  
**Mary Rasche**, Dubois County artist,  
throughout April.

## Sunday, April 17th

- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Red-tailed Hawk** ~ Our resident raptors will be in the backyard garden raptor viewing area. Get a close-up view of the resident birds of prey! **vc**
- 2 p.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ With slides and a backyard garden stroll, we'll take a look at tips to invite wildlife into your garden. Butterflies and birds, bees and other critters will love you IF you feed them and make a habitat area for some amazing southern Indiana animals. **vc**

## Saturday, April 23rd

- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Photography Workshop** ~ Special guest, local area photographer, Ron Brosmer will look at different types of cameras, and explore the possibilities of capturing nature. A portion of the session will be outdoors. Bring your camera (not required) and let's get outside **vc**
- 2 p.m. **Hummingbirds Up-Close** ~ We'll take a look at the winged wonders of our area. **vc**



## Sunday, April 24th

- 10 a.m. **Insect BINGO** ~ BUGS! INSECTS! Join in a fun old favorite game as we look at the often misunderstood world of the insects around us. **vc**
- 2 p.m. **Dutch Oven Cooking** ~ Find out tips and tricks to using that Dutch Oven. Bring your questions, ideas and aprons and join us for the afternoon. **vc**



## Saturday, April 30th

- 10 a.m. **Garden Stroll** ~ Let's take a look at what is blooming in the backyard and front yard gardens. What's growing in the sun? What plants are best for shady areas? What are the needs of different wildflowers as well as perennials and annuals? **vc**

## Saturday, April 30th

- 1 p.m. **Eagles & Osprey** ~ What is so important about these 2 species of raptors? Why are they here at Patoka Lake? With a close-up look at Bald Eagle C52, slides and more, we'll explore the reintroduction programs for eagles and osprey. Learn about the ongoing programs to protect these amazing birds in Patoka & southern Indiana naturalscape and what you can do to help. **vc**

### KEY for Program Locations:

vc - Visitor Center

b - Beach

ccs- Modern Campground Shelterhouse